



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (13-2987)

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Call to Order. (13-2846)

President John B. Troost called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Present: President John B. Troost, Vice President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice President John R. James, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer

Absent: Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused: Treasurer Kecia Brooke Weller, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Ruben Anthony Rios, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of May 15, 2013. (13-2847)

On motion of 2nd Vice President John R. James, seconded by Commissioner Ed Colley, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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2. Election of Officers for the 2013-15 term. (13-2858)

Staff distributed ballots for tabulation.

Later in the meeting, after tabulation of ballots, staff presented the results, as follows:

**President - Janet A. Neal
1st Vice President - Winslow Reitnouer
2nd Vice President - John B. Troost
Treasurer - Wendy Welt Narro**

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Ed Colley, seconded by Commissioner Miller, unanimously carried, the results were approved. Installation of officers will be held at the July meeting.

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3. Discussion and approval of the Accommodating Ideas contract to provide as needed Sign Language Interpreter Services at the monthly Commission on Disabilities Meeting for Fiscal Year 2013-14 in an amount not to exceed \$7,130. (13-2864)

During discussion, Commissioner Colley requested clarification on the need of sign language interpreter service.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner John R. James, seconded by Commissioner Ed Colley, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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4. Approval of the 2012-13 Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Education Scholarship and the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr., Veteran's Memorial Scholarship recipients as submitted by the Education Ad-Hoc Committee. (13-2894)

Commissioner Winslow Reitnouer and 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal complimented staff with their diligence in processing the submitted applications.

On motion of Commissioner Ed Colley, seconded by 2nd Vice President John R. James, unanimously carried, the item was approved.

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II. REPORTS**5. President's Report for May 2013. (13-2848)**

1st Vice President Janet A. Neal read President John B. Troost's June report with the following:

*** Thanked Commissioners for their support with two successful Access Award Luncheons; assisting 11 Scholarship Recipients;**

*** We have gained approval for the dedication of the Second Floor Ramp in memory of Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr.;**

*** We have succeeded in writing a Board letter to the Board of Supervisors about Access Services to improve all services to people with disabilities.**

*** Looks forward to possible presentations by the Department of Public Social Services to address constituent concerns on the IHSS Program.**

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, the President's Report was received and filed.

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6. Monthly Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (13-2849)

Emma De Jesus reported County Counsel will be available to assist the Commission review its Ordinance and Bylaws for possible changes to quorum requirements and election process. Staff was instructed to resend the documents again to Commissioners for their review.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, Ms. De Jesus' report was filed.

7. Monthly Report by Events' Committee Chair Janet A. Neal. (13-2850)

Events Committee Chair Janet A. Neal provided an overview of the June 12, 2013 Events Committee meeting. She reported that the scholarship ratings for the candidates went well.

She shared a Save the Date flyer for the Access Awards Luncheon to be held at Omni Hotel. The Commission's request for the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Ramp Dedication was successful.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 8. Monthly Report by Liaison Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Steve Miller. (13-2851)**

Liaison Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Steve Miller stated minor changes to their initial proposal for the Commission representatives presentations. The final recommendations on implementation for reporting by Departmental Liaisons will be submitted for approval in the July agenda.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

- 9. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc. (13-2852)**

Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc. shared the following:

*** New TAP Cards will have larger fonts printed on the back to assist constituents. New TAP Card will be mailed out to new applicant and renewing applicants. On the renewal process, constituent will be evaluated for permanent disabilities with age requirements. Paper renewal form will take three months to process; automatic renewals with information update forms will take six months from the expiration to process;**

*** There will be no prioritization on the pick up/dropped off constituents;**

*** He reported his discussion with the Harbor Regional Center in Torrance.**

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

- 10.** Monthly Report by Yvonne Price, ADA Compliance Administrator and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Paratransit Program Administrator for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. (13-2853)

Yvonne Price, ADA Compliance Administrator of METRO reported that METRO has begun the latching of the gates on all METRO train stations in order to control possible violations to access. These changes would include access to a hands-free entrance for people with disabilities. A phone line at the gate will be available for users in difference languages.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission on disseminating the METRO information on latches to the people with disabilities.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

III. PRESENTATION

- 11.** Presentation by David Foster, Manager of Customer Support Services, Access Services, Inc., on Access Services Incorporated Budget for 2013-14 Fiscal Year. (13-2893)

David Foster, Manager of Customer Support Services, Access Services, Inc. gave a brief report on their 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Foster added approval of funding to Access Services, Inc. from METRO would be addressed on June 20, 2013 by the Executive Management and Audit Committee of METRO. He is hopeful that the funding will be approved and METRO's full Board will authorize funding at their meeting on June 27, 2013.

Mr. Louis Burns stated he would assist President John B. Troost with transportation attending the meeting.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission on solutions to the issue.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

12. Commissioners' announcements for June 2013. (13-2854)

Commissioner Steve Miller announced the Tierra Del Sol Foundation's "Celebration of Volunteers" event last Friday, June 14, 2013 at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City, California was well received by the 700 attendees.

Commissioner Winslow Reitnouer announced her 60th Wedding Anniversary will be on Friday, June 21, 2013 and the City of San Marino Centennial Celebration will be on July 4, 2013 at Lacey Park. She encouraged participation by all Commissioners.

1st Vice President Janet A. Neal announced that she will be speaking at the Black Family Reunion Celebration 2013 on July 13, 2013 at 3720 West 54th Street in Los Angeles.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Matters Not Posted

13. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-2855)

The following items were introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 13A. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Steve Miller: Approval of Liaison Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations for Departmental Reporting to the Commission. (13-3013)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda of July 17, 2013.

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- 13B.** Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner John B. Troost: Presentation by representative of In Home Support Services (IHSS) to address constituents concerns regarding the processes of benefit claims. (13-3014)

On motion of President John B. Troost, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda at a future meeting.

Public Comment

- 14.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-2856)

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission on the failures of the Commissioners on the activities and to move on.

Adjournment

- 15.** Adjournment for the June 19, 2013 meeting. (13-2857)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by Commissioner 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. in memory of Carolyn Consell, Greg Evans and Harriet Evans.